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SUBJECT: Decision to Proceed with In-Situ Bioremediation Optimization Phase and to
Discontinue In-Situ Chemical Oxidation – (OPE-ER-138-99)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

Based on agency agreement in conference calls on September 16 and 23, 1999, DOE will proceed with the In-Situ Bioremediation optimization phase and will not proceed with the In-Situ Chemical Oxidation hot spot field evaluation. The ISCO Hot Spot Field Evaluation Work Plan, previously scheduled for draft submittal 9-30-99, will be completed but will not be finalized and published. A copy of the completed but unpublished ISCO FEWP will be provided to the Agencies for information. If a fatal flaw is discovered during ISB optimization, ISCO work will be restarted. If you have any questions regarding this issue please contact Mark Shaw at (208) 526-6442.

Sincerely,

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